

AS INTRODUCED IN LOK SABHA

Bill No. 87 of 2016

**THE HIGH COURT AT ALLAHABAD (ESTABLISHMENT OF A
PERMANENT BENCH AT MEERUT) BILL, 2016**

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to provide for the establishment of a permanent Bench of the High Court at Allahabad at Meerut.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Sixty-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the High Court at Allahabad (Establishment of a Permanent Bench at Meerut) Act, 2016. Short title.

Establishment
of a
Permanent
Bench at
Allahabad at
Meerut.

2. There shall be established a permanent Bench of the High Court at Allahabad at Meerut and such Judges of the High Court at Allahabad, being not less than twenty-five in number, as the Chief Justice of that High Court may from time to time nominate, shall sit at Meerut in order to exercise the jurisdiction and power for the time being vested in that High Court in respect of cases arising in the districts of Meerut, Bulandshahr, Ghaziabad, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Baghpat, Hapur, Saharanpur, Muzaffarnagar, Shamli, Sambhal, Moradabad, Bijnor, Rampur, Amroha, Agra, Firozabad, Mainpuri, Mathura, Aligarh, Etah, Hathras and Kasganj. 5

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The State of Uttar Pradesh with a population of around 20 crore is the most populous State of the Union of India. According to Court News Volume IX April-June 2014, the Allahabad High Court in the State of Uttar Pradesh has around 23% of the all pending cases in the High Courts in India. It is the highest pendency of cases among the High Courts in India.

There has been a long pending demand to establish a permanent Bench of the High Court in western Uttar Pradesh since 1955, when the then Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh had proposed setting up of the Bench of High Court at Meerut. Jaswant Singh Commission also recommended the establishment of a permanent Bench of Allahabad High Court in western Uttar Pradesh.

The number of pending cases from western Uttar Pradesh region are more than half of the total number of pending cases in Allahabad High Court. The proceedings of cases arising out of western Uttar Pradesh held in at Allahabad High Court even though there is Lucknow Bench of High Court in between Allahabad and Western Uttar Pradesh but it has no territorial jurisdiction over pending cases of western Uttar Pradesh. Western Uttar Pradesh region with around one-third of State population requires a separate Bench comprising not less than 25 Judges of Allahabad High Court at Meerut.

Besides this, in a large number of cases, the Government of Uttar Pradesh, its various departments or the Public Sector Undertakings and autonomous bodies under the State Government happen to be a party. Therefore, establishment of a permanent Bench at Meerut will not only reduce unnecessary expenditure from the public exchequer but would also benefit people from five divisions *i.e.*, Agra, Aligarh, Meerut, Moradabad and Saharanpur comprising total 22 districts *i.e.*, districts of Meerut, Bulandshahr, Ghaziabad, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Baghpat, Hapur, Saharanpur, Muzaffarnagar, Shamli, Sambhal, Moradabad, Bijnor, Rampur, Amroha, Agra, Firozabad, Mainpuri, Mathura, Aligarh, Etah, Hathras and Kasganj.

Hence this Bill.

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